

**Federal Defenders  
OF NEW YORK, INC.**

Tamara Giwa  
*Executive Director*

**BY ECF & EMAIL**

The Honorable Philip M. Halpern  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, New York 10601

Re: *United States v. Dona Taylor-Alveranga, S1 23-cr-211 (PMH)*

Dear Honorable Judge Halpern:

Ms. Taylor-Alveranga respectfully requests that his United States passport be released by Pre-Trial Services to my office so that we can arrange to return it to her in North Carolina.

Ms. Taylor-Alveranga was released on conditions following her arrest on May 11, 2022. One of her release conditions required that she surrender her United States passport to Pre-Trial Services, which she did. Ms. Taylor-Alveranga was sentenced by Your Honor last week to 12-months of home confinement with two years of supervised release with conditions.

In order to return the passport, Pre-Trial Services needs a court order, or, absent a court order, it will have to be returned to the Department of State. The government, through Assistant United States Attorney Steven Kochevar, does not object to this request. Therefore, I am respectfully requesting an order from this Court permitting the release of her passport to the Federal Defenders of New York, Inc. to arrange for its return to Ms. Taylor-Alveranga.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth K. Quinn  
Assistant Federal Defender  
Counsel for Dona Taylor-Alveranga

cc: AUSA Steven Kochevar, Esq.

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Application granted.  
The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to terminate the letter motion pending at Doc. 140.

SO ORDERED.

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Philip M. Halpern  
United States District Judge

Dated: White Plains, New York  
September 3, 2024